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DXpedition News

Pacific OE5UHM/DL9KU is on a multi-island Pacific DXpedition. Initial stops were Tahiti FO and South Cooks ZK1. Coming up are **Fiji 3D** to May 9, **New Zealand ZL** May 9-14, **Western Samoa 5W** May 14-16, **Central Kiribati T31** May 17-18, and **Hawaii KH6** May 19-27. (DXMB.)

Tonga - A3 **A35RK** is Paul Kidd KK6H's Tonga callsign May 5-June 4. See Issue 736 for details.

Reserve Your Island - CQ WPX CW

▪ **FK8CP** will be on 1838 kHz 06-1940Z for rare DX only. He will work W/VE on 1842, listening 1846-48, around 0830Z and 1230Z. He will also call W/VE on their frequencies below 1835.

▪ **OY1CT** will be a single-op entry, on 80-10 meters. QSL via the bureau or direct to Carsten Thomsen, Box 25, FR-340 Kvivik, Faroe Islands, via Denmark.

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Islands On The Air

▪ **W5ZPA/C, K5PP/C, N5UR/C, WX5L/C, K5HAA/C,** and **W5FKX/C** will be active from Chandeleur Island off the Louisiana coast (NA-089) May 20-22. Operation is expected to start about 2000Z on the 20th. QSL individual home calls, with SASE, please.

▪ **W7FF** will be active from Ocracoke Island (NA-067) May 15-17. Try the IOTA frequencies of 14260, 21260, and 28460 kHz. QSL home call.

▪ **FY9IS** will activate Iles de Salut (SA-020) May 13-15.

▪ **SV8/OE1MZC/p** will operate from Kefalonia Island (EU-052) around May 15.

▪ **OZ/DL3ARK** will be active from the North Sea Coast Islands (EU-125) May 7-14. (DXLoggen.)

▪ **DL1AZZ, DL2BWG,** and others plan to activate Mando Island (EU-125) on all bands on CW and SSB May 7-13.

Shortly Noted

▪ The ARRL Awards Committee voted unanimously to accept an ARRL DX Advisory Committee recommendation to **delete Walvis Bay and Penguin Islands,** effective March 1, 1994, the date these areas were turned over to Namibia. There are now 326 current countries on the list.

▪ **4U9ITU** will be operated by DL8DBR May 5-11. QSL this operation only to his home call.

▪ **HBØ/DL8DBR** will be active from Liechtenstein May 12-15. QSL home call. (DXMB.)

▪ **T28RW,** operated by Ron Wright ZL1AMO, was spotted on 7004 kHz at 1030Z, 10102 kHz at 0630Z, 21025 khz at 0940Z, and 14026 khz at 1030Z. Watch these frequencies for his other Pacific stops, including Nauru C21 and Western Kiribati T3Ø.

▪ **ZS8MI** leaves Marion Island very soon. He is presently very active 09-1300Z. Try 24950 kHz at 1000Z, 21205 at 1045Z, 18162 at 1130Z, and 14195 at 1230Z. He'll make CW contacts on his SSB frequency. QSL to Christy De Kock, Box 244, Stellenbosch, Cape Province 7599 RSA. Include SASE and US$1 for 'regular' QSL and SASE and US$3 for 'special' card.

▪ **4K1D** on Antarctica is often on 14188 kHz at 1820Z, usually with **4K1F** (on the South Shetlands), talking in Russian.

▪ **FT5XJ** on Kerguelen has been noted on 14188 kHz at 1800Z and 21197 kHz at 1040Z. QSL to Pierre Clauzel F5NLL, Le Capitaine Plaigne, F-11420 Belpeche, France.

▪ **BVØRI** will mark the Rotary International convention in Taipei, Taiwan June 12-15. QSL via the CTARL, Box 93, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC.

▪ **LX5ØV** will be active June 6-12, commemorating the 50th anniversary of D Day. A special QSL will be available from manager Norbert Oberweis LX1NO, 5 Cité Oricher-Hoehl, L-8036 Strassen, Luxembourg. Stateside amateurs may QSL via WA4JTK.

▪ **SSB Net** check-ins: **14226.5** kHz (11,22Z): AH8A VR6DB 9M6LS T5/EI5C S52DD D44AB T3ØNJ; **14247** (21Z): CP5NU GDØPLT CU3AV VE8EJ VP2VF VR6DB 9G1SD FO5JV EL2PP.

▪ **Silent Key: Joannie Branson KA6V** of cancer at age 67. Joannie was a tireless supporter of DXpeditions, including organizing mass QSLing efforts for VP8SSI and 3YØPI.

More Islands On The Air

▪ **VP5P** Mike, who is usually on Provo (NA-002), will operate from Grand Turks (NA-003) May 14-15. QSL to WB3DNA.

▪ **UY5XE, UB5LGM, RB5FF, UT3UY** and others plan to activate a number of New Ones in the next two months. Targets include **Bes** or **Kekov** Island (Anatolia region south), Anatolia region south east, and **Jaziras** or **Arwad** (YK Mediterranean sea coast). QSL to Box 19, 290000 Lviv, Ukraine. Contributions would be appreciated.

Propagation

Forecast and Historical Data

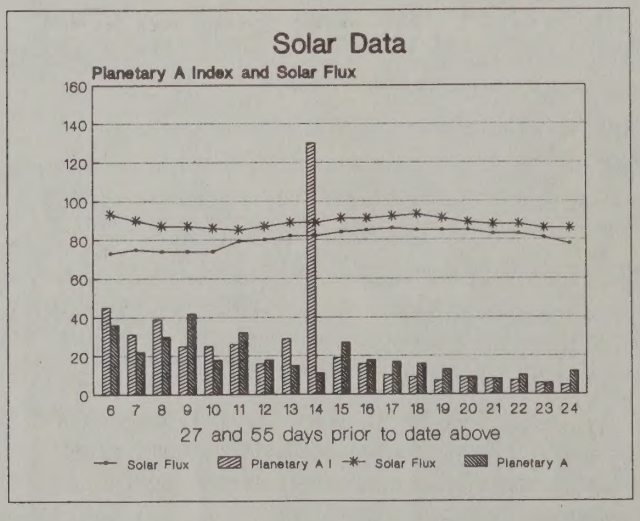
Day	Forecast	27 Days Before				55 Days Before			
May 1994		Date	Flux	A	K	Date	Flux	A	K
6	Disturbed	4/9	73	34/45	4	3/12	93	33/36	3
7	Disturbed	4/10	75	25/31	3	3/13	90	21/22	2
8	Disturbed	4/11	74	32/39	3	3/14	87	25/30	4
9	Below Normal	4/12	74	17/25	3	3/15	87	36/42	4
10	Below Normal	4/13	74	23/25	4	3/16	86	16/18	2
11	Below Normal	4/14	79	19/26	3	3/17	85	26/32	3
12	Low Normal	4/15	80	15/16	2	3/18	87	18/18	1
13	Below Normal	4/16	82	23/29	4	3/19	89	13/15	1
14	Disturbed	4/17	82	63/130	2	3/20	89	08/11	2
15	Low Normal	4/18	84	17/19	3	3/21	91	21/27	3
16	Low Normal	4/19	85	17/16	2	3/22	91	13/18	2
17	High Normal	4/20	86	13/10	1	3/23	92	13/17	2
18	High Normal	4/21	85	13/09	2	3/24	93	16/16	2
19	High Normal	4/22	85	07/07	2	3/25	91	13/13	3
20	High Normal	4/23	85	06/09	2	3/26	89	07/09	1
21	High Normal	4/24	83	09/08	1	3/27	88	06/08	2
22	High Normal	4/25	83	06/07	2	3/28	88	07/10	2

Propagation Watch

The Killer Koronal Hole clobbered the bands again this month. The estimated planetary K index rose from a value of 1 at 0000Z on May 1st to 6 at 2100Z. A K index of 6 is equivalent to an A index of about 80. Once again the geomagnetic indices equaled the solar flux.

The sun's level of activity continues to slide downward, but it doesn't have much farther to drop before it bottoms out. Note on the chart below that all the April reading were significantly below those of March.

Meanwhile, the coronal hole keeps the geomagnetic field active, reducing maximum useable frequencies and signal strengths, and increasing absorption, fading, and multipathing, especially on high-latitude paths. Look for more of the same for the next week, with improving conditions beginning mid-May. By the third week in May, we should see a return to good propagation, especially on 20 meters. The very low level of solar activity has almost eliminated any high-band openings, except for weak north-south openings to South America, Australia, and southern Africa. Good hunting!



Yemen in July?

Robert Wilber N4GCK, one of the **3Y0PI** DXpeditioners, passes along the following:

"I rcv'd fax communiqué from Saudi diplomat (friend) stating that my request for operation has been approved for July, 1994. Request was granted for use of callsign **7O0CW**. I nearly rcv'd same permission two years ago. However, due to problems with another group of amateurs seeking operating authorization, Yemeni authorities abruptly broke all communications with my Saudi contact in Jeddah.

"Needless to say, I was extremely surprised to have received this sudden permission-to-operate after nearly three years of efforts. One big problem does exist however! After taking off nearly two months of work to join the Peter 1 Island 3Y0PI DXpedition, I am critically short of vacation time. Although I believe I will somehow pull this off, I'm not too certain at this point of just how I'll do it!

"If I can manage the time constraints with my overseas work, I plan to operate from Yemen 7O0CW for 4-5 days, mostly CW! I will inform you as further developments unfold. Stay tuned! X fingers!"

Illinois QTH For Sale

The proven Top-Of-The-Honor Roll QTH of Bob Locher W9KNI is for sale. The present location in Deerfield IL with tower, antenna, and broken-in neighbors is offered with included four-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath house and 1/2 acre site. For more information, contact Bob at 708-945-3980.

Ham Gatherings

▪ The Association of Radio Amateurs of the Republic of Mexico (ARARM) announces their annual convention to be held in Puebla, Mexico, July 21-23. The convention will feature seminars on a variety of topics of interest to amateurs as well as cultural programs and tours, culminating with a Gala Fiesta Mexicana for hams and their families. ARARM would particularly like to invite hams from the USA and other countries. For further information, contact Frank R. Smith AH0W/XE2FIN, Consulate of Finland, 5933 West Grovers Avenue, Glendale AZ, phone 602-876-2718.

Scarborough Reef Clarification

The Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) is not involved in determining what constitutes a new DXCC country, contrary to the impression given in Martti Laine OH2BH's letter in Issue 736. DXers wishing to share the materials obtained during the flight to Scarborough, and the expenses of the flight, should contact Wayne Mills N7NG, not the NCDXF. The NCDXF is not providing any funding for this flight.

Not QSL Managers

▪ HB9AAA reports that he is **not** manager for VK9LL nor ZD7DP. He is manager for the 1985 operation of **5T5MS**, but **not** for the 1994 operation. He can also answer cards for **OD5BA** and **YK1AA** in 1972, and **HB4FF** in the 1984 WPX SSB.

▪ **OX3GL** is not QSLed via K6DC; try OZ1ZO.

▪ **ZB2CF** is **not** via KB2WI; QSL direct to C. McEwen, 12 Kings Bastion, Gibraltar.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

*Key to Bandpass: Callsign, frequency, UTC, day of the month, state. * = long path. P = packet. All "portable" calls listed with country of operation first, regardless of format used on the air.*

RTTY

5B4VX	14088	1824	20	ID
CO2AW	14081	1745	28	CA
KHØDPA	14088	2307	16	ID
LU1CIB	14085	2330	22	CA
OA4CZO	14090	0009	24	MN
S92WL	14085	2110	26	CA
SP1CHV	14088	2027	22	MN
SP7IIT	14082	1720	27	CA
V51A *	14078	1510	23	ID
XU7VK	14077	1515	23	ID
ZL3GQ	14090	0445	24	CA
ZP9FG	14086	0325	25	CA

160 Meters

ZL2JR	1833	1033	3	CA

80 Meters

CO8OH	3528	0216	18	GA
S59A	3507	0346	23	SC

75 Meters

CX4CR	3800	0650	8	CA
VK4MZ	3795	0727	8	CA
VK6HD *	3798	2257	24	MA
VK6LK *	3798	2245	22	MA

40 Meters

3B8CF	7006	0255	24	IA
4Z4DX	7005	0305	22	SC
5W1GC	7005	0755	24	WV
C53HG	7012	0809	24	WV
EA8TB	7002	2305	22	SC
HT1T	7009	0032	24	MN
OA4AWE	7009	1119	22	AL
V73C	7013	1125	23	IA
YS1XS	7008	0512	17	CA

30 Meters

4K2MAL	10103	0237	22	SC
4K9W	10101	0250	22	SC
4Z4DX	10101	0325	22	SC
BY1QH	10109	1151	3	CA
ET3VZ	10104	0220	19	SC
PZ1DV	10116	0250	19	SC
PZ1DV	10107	1110	22	AL
RU3MX	10118	0300	19	SC
S58AL	10101	2142	23	SC
S92SS	10109	2110	9	NS
UAØZAJ	10106	1138	3	CA
UAØZC	10103	0500	23	CA
VK7GK	10115	0651	16	CA
YL3CW	10105	0325	23	SC

20 Meter CW

4K4POL	14037	1609	20	ID
5NØ/ DL9GMM	14013	2245	18	MI
7X2FK	14035	1945	21	SC
9A2UF	14012	2038	21	MD
9A3WX	14020	2047	22	SC
9K2MU	14015	2007	23	SC
CP1BA	14005	0050	24	MI
CU2BJ	14026	1147	24	GA
EA8BYZ	14043	2224	23	GA
ER3MM	14020	2000	18	SC
EU7SA	14003	2017	21	MD
EW1WZ	14006	1739	20	ID
EXØM	14004	0237	21	IL
EX8DX	14026	0240	24	IA
EY8JA	14021	0155	25	IA
FR5DD	14015	0325	25	IA
FY5YE	14004	0510	21	CA
GUØFYR	14052	2233	21	GA
GU4HUY	14032	1320	23	IA
GWØNLB	14011	2111	19	MO
HC1GC	14033	0005	24	CA
HI3MTU	14013	2140	22	MO
HT1T	14013	0040	23	CA
ISØBDF	14006	1335	24	MD
JT1CD	14016	0335	24	IA
LW2DFM	14032	0144	23	MO
OA4CWR	14013	1215	24	IA
OX3KV	14003	2220	21	MI
OY1G	14025	1245	23	IA
PZ1DY	14029	1303	24	GA
S52DD	14023	2010	21	MI
SM7GPP	14012	1459	23	CA
ST2/ DL8YR	14026 14025	1818 2114	23 22	GA MN
SV8ZS	14037	1833	23	GA
T9/OH6XY	14015	2040	22	SC
T97M	14021	1510	24	CA
TF3GC	14020	1511	22	CO
UAØQJG	14024	0233	21	IL
UNØPYL	14018	0230	23	IA
UN8BC	14009	1410	24	IA
US3IW	14003	1400	23	MI
US5VX	14018	2025	18	SC
UXØZA	14004	2050	21	MD
V44KAO	14028	0111	22	GA
V73C	14036	1130	24	WV
VP2EY	14030	1853	23	GA
YS1DRF	14013	0215	19	CA
Z37DRS	14011	1920	22	MI
ZS6UT	14025	1252	22	NC

20 Meter SSB

3XØDEX	14220	0038	13	MD
4X46ID	14165	1845	13	MD
5N5BZA	14182	2145	16	MD
5X1C	14240	2022	12	NS
5X1F	14240	2120	9	NS
6W6JX	14205	2050	21	IA
7X2LS	14226	1850	21	CA
8Q7AA	14237	1931	15	MD
9G1NS	14156	2339	12	MD
9G1RZ	14220	2226	19	MD
9K2ZZ	14216	1916	15	MD
9M6BZ	14190	1725	12	MD
9V1JY	14250	1138	21	MD
A71A	14225	1617	19	MD
A71BY	14250	2243	23	GA
CEØZAM	14249	0044	22	MD
D2EGH	14190	2130	21	MD
DU1SAN	14252	2008	18	NS
EZ5AA	14181	1950	18	NS
FY5GF	14273	0255	24	GA
FY5GJ	14190	0225	21	IL
HP1DGX	14195	0525	24	CA
J55UAB	14250	2301	12	MD
JT1CS	14180	1341	21	MD
JWØC	14201	0120	25	IA
JWØH	14195	1256	13	NS
KS6DV	14227	1401	22	MN
OD5ZZ	14242	1945	18	NS
PYØTUP	14260	2022	21	MD
R1FJL	14221	2219	19	MD
SØIM	14191	2040	16	MD
S92LB	14232	2239	20	NS
T32O	14203	0310	22	CA
TA1AR	14220	2000	20	MD
TI2JJP	14200	0153	24	CA
TU4EI	14226	2138	21	MD
TU5CE	14192	2027	12	NS
V73C	14238	0330	20	CA
V85BM	14195	1258	22	MD
VR6DB	14227	0445	3	NE
XX9AS	14193	1239	20	MD
YBØARN	14167	1416	20	MD
ZYØZFM	14220	0055	25	CA

17 Meter CW

3V8AS	18070	1212	21	NS
4K2BY	18077	1350	22	SC
9K2ZZ	18079	1645	21	SC
C53HG	18078	1927	23	SC
ES5DE	18075	1553	23	IL
GWØSTW	18074	2045	21	SC
LZ1LZ	18074	1545	23	IL
S53BH	18072	1955	21	SC
SV2BFL	18073	2046	22	MN
VP8GAV	18080	1940	18	SC

17 Meter SSB

PJ8AD	18121	1208	21	NS
S92SS	18132	2122	23	SC
TJ1AD	18111	1650	21	SC
UXØLT	18135	1633	22	SC
VR6BX	18132	0227	24	CA
ZA1MH	18120	2040	23	SC

15 Meter CW

7P8SR	21026	1320	23	IA
9J2BO	21020	1300	23	IA
A71AN	21005	1340	22	SC
HJØVGJ	21027	1400	24	MD
HJØVGJ	21026	2141	23	CA
HT1T	21032	1404	23	GA
PT7WX	21019	1411	24	MD
TA1KA	21031	1334	23	GA
ZK1WRT	21016	0250	25	IA
ZS6ME	21012	1415	24	MD

15 Meter SSB

5N3TYO	21343	1350	23	NC
5U7Y	21230	1545	23	IA
5Z4PL	21270	1927	25	NJ
9A2MT	21345	1915	24	NC
9G1PW	21300	1622	19	MD
9K2YY	21250	1445	23	IA
LZ3ZZ	21265	1521	23	IL
TR8KW	21263	2010	19	NC
ZK1AYR	21296	2320	24	IA

12 Meter CW

YV6AZC/3	24892	2039	23	WV

12 Meter SSB

ZS5ADB	24945	1639	24	CA

10 Meter SSB

6Y5BB	28340	0040	24	IA
CX2PI	28425	1930	19	CA
PY3GP	28424	1950	19	CA
VK2ANS	28490	0049	25	CA
VK2GVV	28490	0048	25	CA
VK4KPB	28505	0100	25	CA
XE2JCO	28495	2246	23	CA
ZP5RG	28405	2135	20	CA
ZS1KC	28488	1421	24	MD

QSLs Received

▪ From managers: **3C1EA** (EA4CJA, 17 MOS); **4K1F** (KF2KT, 3 WKS); **5R8KH** (WB8FLO, 6 WKS); **CR3M** (CS3MAD, 6 MOS); **HKØ/I2RAO** (I2RAO, 11 WKS); **J52AG** (SM0AGD, 3 WKS); **J69MV** (J6LMV, 3 WKS); **PSØF** (W9VA, 6 WKS); **R2SRR** (DK4VW, 4 MOS); **S21A** (W4FRU, 2 MOS); **V26AS** (V21AS, 3 WKS); **VP8GAV** (GMØLVI, 10 DAYS!); **XF4CI** (XE1CI, 3 MOS); **ZD8Z** (VE3HO, 2 WKS); **ZK2AT** (WB6EQX, 1 WK).

▪ Direct: **AH9B/VO2** (3 MOS); **BY1QH** (7 MOS); **C31HK** (3 WKS); **EA6MQ** (3 WKS); **ET3YU** (3 WKS); **IV3DXW** (3 WKS); **LU8XPA** (1 MO); **SU2MT** (6 WKS); **VR6ME** (5 MOS); **YV1OB** (3 MOS); **ZD7DP** (3 MOS); **ZD7SM** (3 MOS); **ZXØF** (1 MO).

Current and Future DXpeditions

(Changes and hot info in **boldface**.)

DXCC Country	Prefix	Callsign	Dates	Issue
Anguilla	**VP2E/**	**JA1CMD**	**May 13-16**	**I736**
Antarctica	VP8GAV		3503/0515Z+	I735
	4K1D		**14188 1820Z**	**I737**
Aruba	P4	P4ØW	WPX CW	I735
Barbados	**8P**	**8P9GQ**	**May 14-June 4**	**I735/6**
Bermuda	**VP9/**	**K1EFI**	**May 12-20**	**I732**
	VP9/WB1BRE		**May 13-26**	**I736**
Cambodia	XU	XU7UK	to Feb. '95	I724
	XUØHW/XU9HA		**May 5-19**	**I726**
Central Kiribati	**T31**	**DL9KU**	**May 17-18**	**I737**
Corsica	TK/	IK4s	May 19-23	I735
Dominica	**J7**	**IK2GNW**	**May 1-10**	**I736**
Eastern Kiribati	**T32WP**		**May 4-8**	**I735**
Faroes	**OY**	**OY1CT**	**WPX CW**	**I737**
Fiji	**3D**	**DL9KU**	**to May 9**	**I737**
Iraq	YI9CW		18074 14-16Z	I732
ITU HQ	4U9ITU		May 24-28	I734
	4U9ITU		May 20-22	I736
	4U9ITU		**May 5-11**	**I737**
Jamaica	6Y5/	KF9PL	May 25-30	I734
Johnston Island	KH3	AH6IO+	**Canceled**	I736
Kerguelen	FT	FT5XJ	**14188 18Z**	**I737**
Liechtenstein	HBØ/DJ2XS		May 22-23	I734
	HBØ/DL8DBR		**May 12-15**	**I737**
Malta	9H	PAs	June 24-July 4	I736
Marianas	KHØ/	KH2GR+	May 26-30	I735
Marion Island	**ZS8MI**		**leaving soon**	**I737**
Market Reef	**OJØ/**	**OHs+**	**May 15-19**	**I735**
Micronesia	V6	V63s	June 8-17	I735
		V63NI/YH	**May 5-8**	**I735**
Nicaragua	YN	YN1EUG	to April	I727
Niger	5U	5U7Y	now active	I726
Nigeria	5NØ/DL9GMM		to Dec.	I731
	5N/F6BLQ?		**May**	**I736**
North Cooks	ZK1AT		3784 07Z Sun.	I729
Pakistan	AP	AP2MIZ	21270/11Z	I730
		AP2JZB	21295/12Z	I730
Rodriguez Island	3B	3B9FR	new bands	I711
St. Eustatius	PJ5/K3UOC		May 24-31	I733
St. Paul Island	CY9/	Ws	June 10-19	I736
St. Maarten	PJ7/WB2CHO		May 24-29	I733
	PJ7/OH2LVG		May 26-30	I734
Saudi Arabia	HZ	HZ1AB	1832± 02Z Fri.	I721
Sri Lanka	4S7/ON4IPA		to August	I736
Svalbard	JW	JW5EBA	Jan.-June	I719
Tajikistan	EY	EY8MM	3505/3795 02Z	I729
Tonga	**A3**	**A35RK**	**May 5-June 4**	**I736**
Trindade Island	PYØ	PYØTUP	Apr.-Aug.	I731
Tuvalu	T28RW		now active	I736
Western Samoa	**5W**	**DL9KU**	**May 14-16**	**I737**
Yemen	7O	7O1AA	now active	I733
Zambia	9J2BO		24900 1530Z	I720

Resident Amateurs on Regularly

DXCC Country	Callsign	Freq.	UTC
El Salvador	YS1XS	7006±	0500Z+
Ethiopia	ET3VZ	10107±	0230Z
Bolivia	CP1BA	14006	0050Z
Slovenia	S52DD	14020±	2000Z+
Ghana	9G1RZ	14222	2230Z Tues.
Angola	D2EGH	14193±	2130Z
French Guiana	FY5GJ	14189	0230Z+
Trindade	PYØTUP	14261	2000Z+
Western Sahara	SØIM	14200±	2045Z Sat.
Sao Tome	S92LB	14215±	2230Z
Marshall Islands	V73C	14225±	0330Z
Fernando de Noronha	ZYØZFM		14205±0100Z
Nicaragua	HT1T	21025±	1400Z+

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Operating Events and DX Gatherings

Dates	Event	Reference:
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May 14-15	CQ M Contest	CQ
May 28-29	CQWW WPX CW Contest	CQ
June 11-12	ANARTS RTTY Contest	Digital Journal
June 18-19	All Asian CW DX Contest	CQ